executed by the Public Works Department, Rs. 6,00,692 (Rs. 6,41,205) on works executed by the direct agency of the District Boards; Rs. 75,592 (Rs. 2,65,447) on Administration and Collection; Rs. 5,60,856 (Rs. 4,31,321) on Public Health, Safety and conveyance and Rs. 57,304 (Rs. 1,18,297) on accommodation for travellers and on miscellaneous items.

236. New Ayurvedic Dispensaries were sanctioned at Doddapatangere in Chickmagalur District and at Belagutti in Shimoga District. Veterinary Dispensaries were sanctioned at Yeraballi and Byadarahalli in Chitaldrug District, at Bilikere in Mysore District and at Hithala in Shimoga District. New High Schools were started at Maradihalli, in Chitaldrug District, at Nuggihalli and Rayanakoppal in Hassan District, at Varthur in Bangalore District and at Gudibanda in Kolar District. The Occupational Institute at Hassan was also started during the year.

Beggar Relief Scheme.

237. *Receiving Centre.*—One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (1,718) beggars were arrested by the warders of the Colony. Of these, 732 were released by the Receiving Officer after detailed examination in each case. The remaining beggars were produced before the Magistrate and on enquiry, the Court released 821 beggars as against 827 during the previous year. Twenty-six beggars who were found to be incorrigible, were sentenced by Court to undergo simple imprisonment for a period ranging from two weeks to twelve weeks in the Central Jail. One hundred and ninety-five beggars were ordered to be detained and transferred to the Relief Centre for being maintained in the Colony. One hundred and thirty-five non-Mysorean beggar offenders were repatriated upto the State border.

238. *Relief Centre.*—One hundred and ninety-five beggars were received from the Receiving Centre as against 108 during 1948-49. The opening balance was 109 as against 49 in the previous year. The total number of beggars who were permanently detained and given food and clothing in the Relief Centre during the year was 304 as against 157 during the previous year. Of these, 59 beggars were discharged on production of proper surety.

PROTECTION

239. With a view to keep the beggars active and train them up to become useful and self-reliant citizens, the beggars in the Relief Centre are given training in handicrafts, such as mat-weaving, envelope-making, spinning by charakas and taklies. Most of the boys have learnt the art of mat-weaving very well and they were discharged and sent back to Society to lead a useful life. In order to employ the able-bodied inmates of this Colony, an extent of 250 acres was used for cultivation in agriculture and gardening. A variety of vegetables were grown as also ragi, horsegram and jawar crops.

240. A primary school and the adult literacy section continued to work in the Colony.

241. The Act for the prohibition of beggary in the Mysore State was extended to the Civil Station of Bangalore from 1st September 1950.

(xii) Village Panchayets and Rural Drive.

242. The total number of village panchayets in the State was 12,571 (12,241). including the panchayets constituted for villages transferred to Mysore State. Eleven thousand three hundred and fifty-eight (11,358) elected their own chairmen. The number of meetings held by the village panchayets was 31,194 (40,422).

243. Including arrears, the total demand of the village panchayet taxes amounted to Rs. 34,83,010 (Rs. 37,63,583), of which Rs. 13,10,807 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 21,72,203 (Rs. 19,48,770) at the end of the year.

244. The cash balance at the credit of the panchayets was Rs. 55,88,444, the income of the village panchayets from various sources amounted to Rs. 13,74,993 (Rs. 20,74,599) making a total of Rs. 69,63,437, of which a sum of Rs. 15,49,883 (Rs. 24,65,221) was spent, leaving a balance of Rs. 54,13,552 at the credit of the village panchayets by the end of the year.

Grant.

245. Out of a sum of Rs. 23 lakhs sanctioned for Rural Development Works, a sum of Rs. 17,07,239 was spent on rural improvements, rural water supply and rural communications.